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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. R. J. Smith, DDI

SUBJECT : Project A-1

1. I have now received draft inputs and annexes from OCI, ORR, [] Sam Adams and the [] team. In all these inputs total 479 pages of text, some double-spaced and some single.

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2. All persons participating in this exercise have obviously done a great deal of commendable work. The inputs in their present form, however, are somewhat uneven in quality and, in many cases, are individual pieces rather than mutually complementary parts of a single coherent whole. We have a major editorial task ahead of us but judging from the overall quality of the initial inputs the final product should be very impressive and, more importantly, very useful.

3. I must now write the summary "overview" paper (circa twenty pages) and orchestrate the necessary reorganization, revisions and (in some cases) rewriting that will be required to make this, in truth, a single document. In doing this I will of course work closely with the various producing offices and keep in close touch with you

4. On graphics, we will have about thirty maps, charts, and tables. ORR/Graphics is preparing layout work sheets keyed to a central design/format theme. These will be ready for review next Tuesday (9 August). I feel they should be examined in toto by a small group (myself, [] and Ed Proctor, or you yourself if you care to attend) next Wednesday (10 August). Any necessary final revisions, combinations, deletions etc., can be made at that time and the package can then be sent to the cartographers and the printers.

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5. On deadlining, we obviously want to finish as soon as possible, but I would prefer to avoid being tied to an ironclad commitment. The necessary editing and revision of the annexes and the writing of the overview paper will take a good two weeks to complete. With luck, good management and no more than a

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normal number of flaps temporarily diverting participants in this exercise to other tasks, we should be able to have a final draft ready for your review by 19 August.

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